GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BIS NORMS FOR FIRE SAFETY
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendations regarding precautionary measures related to fire safety in construction of temporary structures and pandals have been made by the Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure strict compliance of the said rules?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Yes, Sir. BIS has published Indian Standards 8758:1993 `Recommendations for Fire Precautionary Measures in Construction of Temporary Structures and Pandals'.

b) This standard covers the fire safety i n respect of construction, location, maintenance and use o f temporary structures including pandals used by public for fairs, festivals and such other outdoor assembly. It lays down general requirements relating to the materials, design, construction, fabrication o f structures or devices and specific requirements for location, means of access, capacity, enclosures and exits, electrical arrangements, fire protection measures and fire fighting arrangements in such structures besides permission from the concerned local authorities.

(c) : Fire Safety is a state subject and BIS standard is voluntary in nature. However, BIS has requested Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories , Heads of Fire Services and all District Magistrates to consider enforcing this standard i n public interest, through their Municipalities, Corporations, Fire Service Departments etc.